

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
JULY 13, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

Matt Sporleder absent.

The meeting was opened with Bob Willhite, Vice-President, leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Michael Miller with CSL coming before the Commissioners to ask them to allow the sign that has been placed on the site of the old guard shack to remain although it is in the right of way of the now County Road Country Manor Boulevard. Mr. Miller admitted that he failed to get a permit for this sign and asked the Commissioners to allow the sign that has information about different activities going on at CSL for the residents.

Dave Lane made a motion to allow the sign for CSL to remain in the right of way of Country Manor Boulevard. Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Next was Missy Hensley concerning Centerville Road and the hazard she experienced there. Mrs. Hensley stated that she travels this road to work and one day she ended up in the ditch because a semi was in the middle of the road trying to turn onto County Road 150 West. Mrs. Hensley went on to say that the semi was trying to turn and had to be in the center of the road and there is a blind spot there that made it impossible to see the situation until it was too late. Mrs. Hensley went on to say that there is a Hog operation on road 150 west and that is where the semi was trying to get to. She is asking the Commissioner to assess the area and see if the road could not be widened. Mrs. Hensley stated she was concerned about when school started and buses started traveling this road.

Jim Reeves, Superintendent of the County Highway, was in attendance and told the Commissioners he had been out to the site and he stated that the owner of the property needed to be contacted and see if a tree could be removed and then maybe they could widen the area some to help with the turns. Bob Willhite told Mrs. Hensley that he would have something done as soon as possible to correct this concern.

Next Bernie Hauersperger with FPBH, Inc. came before the Commissioners to see if they had decided what to do about the Community Building Renovation. Ellie Bright mentioned that Matt Sporleder had contacted her and suggested bidding out both Phase I and Phase II and see how the bids come in to decide what and how much could be done.

Dave Lane made a motion to bid out both Phase I and Phase II of the Community Building project. Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Bernie Hauersperger told the Commissioners that to bid out Phase II, the contract *would have to be* approved.

Dave Lane amended the prior motion to state that only bids would be let on Phase I. Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

The Commissioners received a letter from the Jennings County Public Library concerning the appointment they made to finish out the term of Alden Rudicel. Mary Driver was appointed to finish out the term and that term expired June 30, 2017. The Board of Trustees feels it would be in the best interest of the library to appoint Mary Driver to her 1st four year term. Her term could expire on June 30, 2021. Auditor Vance said she had contacted Mrs. Driver to see if she was willing to continue on the board and she replied yes she is interested.

Dave Lane made a motion to appoint Mary Driver to a 4 year term on the Jennings County Library Board with the term ending June 30, 2021. Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Next Auditor Vance informed the Commissioners that she had received an email from Dan Wright, Mayor of Vernon, concerning Smoke on the Square on July 21st and July 22nd. Mayor Wright stated that Vernon will be closing Pike and Perry Streets from the highway to Brown Street on Thursday evening after 5:00 p.m. and will not reopen until Saturday evening around 10:00 p.m. Mayor Wright is asking permission to use the courthouse lawn and possible the government center parking lot as well. Kevin Daugherty is requesting to use the meeting room at the Government Center for the BBQ contest on Saturday, July 22. Mayor Wright also stated that Vernon will be closing Pike from Brown to Ripley and Brown from Montgomery to Posey Street for Labor Day weekend activities. They will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1st and reopen on Sunday September 3 at 7:00 p.m. They would like permission to use the courthouse lawn that weekend also.

Dave Lane made a motion to allow the request for Smoke on the Square event and the Labor Day event for the courthouse lawn use and the use of the meeting room in the Government Center for the BBQ contest July 22nd. Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Next Ellie Bright, County Attorney, presented an Ordinance establishing the manner and form in which the Recorder may provide bulk form copies to a bulk user. Also there is a bulk user agreement that needs to be adopted for the Recorder to use. Auditor Vance stated she had spoke with Janice Ramey, Jennings County Recorder, and was told that the State Board of Accounts had recommended this document to be in place.

Dave Lane made a motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing the Manner and Form in Which the Recorder may Provide Bulk Form Copies to a Bulk User. Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Dave Lane made a motion to adopt the Bulk User Agreement; Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ellie Bright announced that a joint session of the Jennings County Commissioners and the Jennings County Council will be Tuesday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Government Center.

Next, Marie Shepherd, Director of Area Plan Commission came before the Commissioners asking permission to fill the inspector position that will be vacant when Phil Laman retires in September. Mrs. Shepherd stated she would like to hire someone now so they will have a month of training with Mr. Laman and she would be paying them from her part time account line.

Dave Lane made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy of the inspector position in the Area Plan office; Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

There was a question from the audience about a possible gate for Echo Park because of some activity that had been noticed going on in the evenings. They were instructed to start with the Jennings County Park Board first and if necessary then to come back to the Commissioners.

Dave Lane made a motion to approve the signing of claims; Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Dave Lane made a motion to approve prior minutes; Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Dave Lane made a motion to adjourn; Bob Willhite seconded the motion; motion passed.

Attest:


Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

Matt Sporleder, President


Robert Willhite, Vice-President

David Lane
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